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AMENDMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH 37 CFR §1.116

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By John Kindman JoAnn Lindman

Dear Sir:

This amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action of August 24, 2009. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

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